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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2010**

The Board of Selectmen met in the Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room, Town Hall as scheduled with Thomas A. Alonzo, Steven M. deBettencourt, Thomas Mason, David Matthews, and Kerry Speidel, Town Manager present. Regular meeting opened at 6:00 PM with a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal strategy with Town Counsel Richard Bowen. A roll call vote was taken: Tom Alonzo, yes; Steve deBettencourt, yes; Tom Mason, yes; and Dave Matthews, yes. The chair said that the board would be returning to Regular Session. At 7:43 PM Regular Session reconvened.

EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 6:00 PM

1. M.G.L. Chapter 39§ 23B (3) – Legal Strategy

APPOINTMENT

1. 7:30 pm – Green Communities Task Force

The Green Communities Task Force was invited to meet with the Board to discuss the current status of the Task Force's work and the criteria for the Town to become a Green Community.

Task Force members present included Chairman Steve Marsden, Pat Slattery, Courtney Zivojinovic, David Blatt, Steve DiCampo and Alternate member Joanne McQuaid. Advisors Marion Benson, John Londa and Jimmy Breault, and Building Inspector Mike Sauvageau were also in attendance. Members Lisa Krowitz and Ernie Sund were absent.

Mr. Marsden spoke for Task Force members, telling the Board that 2 of the 5 Criteria to becoming a Green Community were completed-the Wind Bylaw and Expedited Permitting.

Mr. Londa explained that Criteria #3-establishing an energy use baseline for all municipal buildings will be started in June when an energy audit has been scheduled.

Criteria #4 says that the Town must commit to a policy of purchasing energy efficient vehicles for municipal use, excluding police, fire and public works specialty vehicle, when they become available for purchase and use.

Criteria #5, if adopted, would the Town to use the "Stretch Code" in all new residential and commercial construction, including additions to homes.

Mr. Sauvageau explained the differences between the new building code that all towns would be required to institute on July 1, 2010 and the more stringent "Stretch Code."

Committee members expressed their frustrations over getting an answer to their questions on the Stretch Code from their VHB consultant, as well as the State.

They also requested help from individual department heads with data regarding energy use, which cannot be extracted from the town's accounting system.

Ms. Speidel pointed out that if the energy audit/energy use baseline could not be started until June, that the Fall 2010 Special Town Meeting may be the right time for the Task Force to submit warrant articles on various aspects of the Town becoming a Green Communities.

The Board voted unanimously by roll call vote adjourn Regular Session at 9:20 PM; Tom Alonzo, yes; Steve deBettencourt, yes; Tom Mason, yes; and Dave Matthews, yes.

Respectfully, submitted,
Lynne S. Kluft
Clerk
Board of Selectmen